



# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Affirmation of Faith*

Pastor Maureen Hagen    Accompanist – Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, November 17, 2018    Second Stewardship Sunday**

### **PRELUDE MUSIC**

Now Abideth Love - Ira. B. Wilson

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.  
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways**

**we have failed to live as your disciples.**

**We have not finished what we began.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**

**We have been captivated by our possessions.**

**Lift our burdens, gracious God.**

**Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.**

**Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us**

**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found.

For the sake of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**GATHER US IN**

**ELW 532**

**GREETING** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

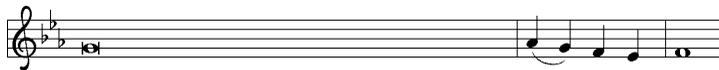
**KYRIE:**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



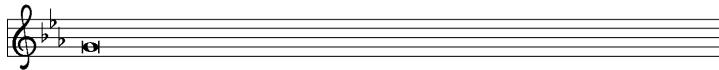
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers in Christ,  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called them to yourself,  
Enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished them in the community of faith.  
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: At your baptism, your parents and sponsors spoke for you and confessed that for a time, they would maintain faithfulness for you. On this day you are speaking for yourself. Therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## **AFFIRMATION**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and this brother* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

**All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*At this time, the confirmands, their parents, baptismal sponsors, and family will gather around the communion rail. Confirmands may kneel and their family will gather behind and around them.*

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

### **SANCTUARY**

Lord prepare me to be sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You (*Sung once*)

*(Spoken by the Worship Leader)*

Lead Me on Lord  
From temptation  
Purify me  
From within  
Fill my heart with  
Your holy spirit  
Take away all my sin

Lord prepare me to be sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You (*Sung once*)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy," **"hear our prayer."**

## **COLLECTION OF OUR GIFTS FOR GOD, INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT:**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**





**We welcome the newly confirmed!**

**Lucas Anderson**, son of Shane & Jill Anderson  
Baptized on November 20, 2005

Baptismal Sponsors:

- Michael Mandelkow
- Stacy Seifert

**Braeden Gillis**, son of Kyle & Paula Gillis  
Baptized on January 16, 2005

Baptismal Sponsors:

- Edmund Gillis
- Sharon Olson

**Carson Lind**, son of Kevin Lind & Desiree Meyer  
Baptized on February 3, 2007

Baptismal Sponsors:

- Jen Lind
- Scott Vikingson
- Pam Amacher
- James Amacher

**Treyton Lind**, son of Kevin Lind & Desiree Meyer

Baptized on February 3, 2007

Baptismal Sponsors:

- Patty Halgrimson
- Erik Meyer
- Pam Amacher



All are cordially invited to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Sonia Peterson** on Saturday, November 23, from 2:00-4:30 at Cannon Rivers Senior Living—900 Main Street West, Cannon Falls, MN 55009.



**CALLING ALL CRAFTSPEOPLE AND BAKERS!**

**Vendors are still wanted and needed for the Winter Bazaar! ALSO—baked goods are needed for the bake sale! You don't need to cut or package your contribution—that will be done when the goods are delivered. Any bake sale items can be dropped off at the Lutheran Center starting at 1PM on Friday, December 6! Thanks to all who are willing to contribute.**

Just a reminder that your *intent cards* will be collected on November 24 during worship. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your gift.





## FEED THE HUNGRY

The church council voted to designate our Thanksgiving offering for the Cannon Falls and Red Wing Food Shelves. As a part of the Thanksgiving service on Nov 27 and the Sunday service on Dec. 1, if you wish to donate to the food shelves, please place your offering in the box marked "Food Shelf". If you wish to also give an offering to the church, that offering will be placed in the offering plate. Thank you.



## COMMUNITY DINNER

176 in the gym for a GRAND TOTAL of 280!! Also, thanks for the 46 shirts/t-shirts that were donated for the veterans. We'll continue to collect them during the month of November to be delivered sometime after Thanksgiving. The collection box will be at Church on Sundays, and at the LC during the week.

# This Week at Vasa

*(Church office hours: Tues-Thurs 9-1)*

## Sunday, November 17

- 9:00 am** Service of Holy Communion  
Confirmation  
Christmas Program  
Rehearsal
- 10:30 am** Christmas Eve Choir  
Rehearsal

## Tuesday, November 19

- 9:00 am** Tuesday AM Coffee

## Wednesday, November 20

- NOON** Lunch & Learn Session 3-  
*Funeral Planning*

## Thursday, November 21

**No WELCA**

## Sunday, November 24

- 9:00 am** Service of The Word  
Christmas Program  
Rehearsal
- 10:30 am** Christmas Eve Choir  
Rehearsal

Many thanks to ALL the volunteers who helped with the Community Dinner this past week. It was very much appreciated. We made 76 deliveries, had 28 take outs & fed



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Vasa Mission  
We, the Vasa congregation,  
called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith  
Serving others, and  
Welcoming and Loving all!